Growth Management Oversight Commission

May 25, 2005 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 2&3
Civic Center Building

MINUTES

GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT: Garcia Krogh

Spethman Arroyo
Palma Nordstrom
O'Neill Munoz

GMOC MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Tripp

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Forster, Growth Mgnt Coordinator

Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Ms. Patricia Aguilar

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Secretary called the roll.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commissioners discussed the "Other Items" section of the 4/20/05 minutes and agreed to make the change to read that the matter of the succeeding chairman was discussed but no recommendation was made. An item should be added to the next agenda to address this again. Dan informed the group that the By-Laws state the appointment is to be undertaken at the first organized gathering of the new year. Commissioner Krogh moved that the minutes were approved subject to the suggested rewording to be done by Dan Forster.; this was seconded by Commissioner Arroyo. Commissioner O'Neill abstained.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. FINALIZE ANNUAL REPORT

The secretary distributed the cover letter from the Chairman which would accompany the report, also a summary of the Community Workshop of 5/12, which would be part of the appendix of the Annual Report. Dan asked the commissioners to peruse these and offer comments.

Dan informed that Council-member Rindone had requested the response time for police that was longer than 10 minutes, should be a standard of the questionnaire and be included in the report.

Chairman Nordstrom recommended that the commissioners pay a visit to the dispatch department to gain some insight to what actually takes place as it is very enlightening. Dan suggested that the GMOC make this a stop on the next field trip.

Commissioner Krogh pointed out the third paragraph of the second page of the Community Workshop summary and asked for clarification of the issue. After some discussion they agreed to change the verbiage of the last sentence to read "Dan stated that the intent was that the money would be spent on the West Side with the exception of regional facilities which all of the community shares."

Commissioner Krogh again asked the group to look at the fifth paragraph of page 2 of the same document. He stated that Ms. Aguilar had mentioned the preference for a twelfth threshold. He felt that her comments should be more accurately reflected on the record.

Ms. Aguilar said that she would like to see something in this year's report about Annual Growth Cap, to give the City Council some ammunition or tools if it became necessary. Dan advised that the Council has the discretion to set a cap and there was language in the General Plan Update; also moratoriums are not city-wide but specific. Commissioner O'Neill pointed out that a growth cap is not the same as a moratorium and also that there has to be a demonstrable reason why growth can't go on.

Ms. Aguilar stated that she was seeking a threshold to reflect the psychological effects of growth, although it can't be quantified. The Chairman noted that if the current thresholds don't detect a problem, no action could be taken. Ms. Aguilar pointed out that there could still be a problem although all the thresholds are met.

It was the concurrence of the commissioners that no action be taken on this until the need arises, will be considered when it becomes necessary. Commissioner Krogh asked that this be addressed earlier in the new year and suggested that Ms. Aguilar bring examples of the "stresses" to which she refer, she commented that this body seek that from Council.

Commissioner Krogh asked Dan for clarification on the status of response from the Finance Dept. on the funds from SR-125, and if any changes are to be made to the report accordingly. Dan stated that prior to receiving the letter from the City Attorney's office, it was felt that this was a valid

question and refunds were made if the money was not used on the project for which it was collected. The response did satisfy the question as far as GMOC was concerned and would be part of the appendix to the Annual Report. The Chairman suggested that if he so wishes, Commissioner Krogh could pursue the matter further.

The Commissioners discussed the issue of levels of service in the downtown urban core, but no decisions were made.

Chairman Nordstrom called for a vote to accept the Annual Report as presented by Dan to reflect the changes discussed. Commissioner Palma made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and unanimously favored.

5. FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING ELECTION OF CHAIR

This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

6. TENTATIVE JOINT WORKSHOP DATE JUNE 23, 2005

7. OTHER (added item)

Dan Forster advised Commissioner Munoz that the commemorative plaques were presented to citizens after their time of service. He would be getting recognition at next year's banquet.

Commissioner Spethman asked whether Ms. Acerro has been invited to public meetings, which was confirmed that she is on the mailing list.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman thanked the commissioners and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the motion by Commissioner Palma and seconded by Commissioner Garcia.

Rabbia Phillip	Daniel Forster
Secretary	Growth Management Coordinator